

House File 361 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 130)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special hunting licenses
2 to certain nonresident disabled veterans and disabled
3 members of the armed forces serving on active federal
4 service.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2013,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 3. The director shall provide up to seventy-five
4 nonresident deer hunting licenses for allocation as provided
5 in this subsection.

6 a. Fifty of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be
7 allocated as requested by a majority of a committee consisting
8 of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of the house
9 of representatives, and director of the economic development
10 authority, or their designees. The licenses provided pursuant
11 to this subsection shall be in addition to the number of
12 nonresident licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.8.
13 The purpose of the special nonresident licenses is to allow
14 state officials and local development groups to promote the
15 state and its natural resources to nonresident guests and
16 dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes, or any other form
17 of media resulting from the hunting visitation shall not
18 be used for political campaign purposes. The nonresident
19 licenses shall be issued without application upon purchase of a
20 nonresident hunting license that includes the wildlife habitat
21 fee and the purchase of a nonresident deer hunting license.
22 The licenses are valid in all zones open to deer hunting. The
23 hunter safety and ethics education certificate requirement
24 pursuant to section 483A.27 is waived for a nonresident issued
25 a license pursuant to this subsection.

26 b. Twenty-five of the nonresident deer hunting licenses
27 shall be allocated as provided in subsection 4A.

28 4. The director shall provide up to ~~twenty-five~~
29 seventy-five nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses for
30 allocation as provided in this subsection.

31 a. Fifty of the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses
32 shall be allocated as requested by a majority of a committee
33 consisting of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of
34 the house of representatives, and director of the economic
35 development authority, or their designees. The licenses

1 provided pursuant to this subsection shall be in addition
2 to the number of nonresident licenses authorized pursuant
3 to section 483A.7. The purpose of the special nonresident
4 licenses is to allow state officials and local development
5 groups to promote the state and its natural resources to
6 nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes,
7 or any other form of media resulting from the hunting
8 visitation shall not be used for political campaign purposes.
9 The nonresident licenses shall be issued without application
10 upon purchase of a nonresident hunting license that includes
11 the wildlife habitat fee and the purchase of a nonresident wild
12 turkey hunting license. The licenses are valid in all zones
13 open to wild turkey hunting. The hunter safety and ethics
14 education certificate requirement pursuant to section 483A.27
15 is waived for a nonresident issued a license pursuant to this
16 subsection.

17 b. Twenty-five of the nonresident wild turkey hunting
18 licenses shall be allocated as provided in subsection 4A.

19 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, Code 2013, is amended by adding the
20 following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. Twenty-five of the nonresident deer
22 hunting licenses and wild turkey hunting licenses allocated
23 under subsections 3 and 4 shall be available for issuance
24 to nonresidents who have served in the armed forces of the
25 United States on active federal service and who were disabled
26 during the veteran's military service or who are serving in the
27 armed forces of the United States on active federal service
28 and have been disabled during military service to enable the
29 disabled person to participate in a hunt that is conducted by
30 an organization that conducts hunting experiences in this state
31 for disabled persons. The licenses shall be issued as follows:

32 a. The department shall prepare an application to be used by
33 a person requesting a special license under this subsection.

34 (1) The department shall verify that the license will be
35 used by the applicant in connection with a hunt conducted by an

1 approved organization that conducts hunting experiences in this
2 state for disabled veterans and members of the armed forces
3 serving on active federal service who have been disabled during
4 military service. The department shall specify, by rules
5 adopted under chapter 17A, what requirements an organization
6 must meet in order to be approved to conduct hunts for disabled
7 persons who obtain licenses under this subsection.

8 (2) The department of veterans affairs shall assist the
9 department in verifying the status or claims of applicants
10 under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "*disabled*"
11 means entitled to a service connected rating under 38 U.S.C.
12 ch. 11 with a degree of disability of thirty percent or more.

13 b. A license issued under this subsection shall be in
14 addition to the number of nonresident wild turkey hunting
15 licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.7 and nonresident
16 deer hunting licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.8.
17 However, a nonresident who obtains a license pursuant to
18 this subsection is not eligible to obtain a nonresident deer
19 hunting license or wild turkey hunting license under any other
20 provision of law.

21 c. A disabled person who receives a special license under
22 this subsection shall purchase a hunting license that includes
23 the wildlife habitat fee, and a wild turkey hunting license or
24 a deer hunting license, if applicable, all for the same fees
25 that are charged to resident hunters. If hunting deer, the
26 disabled person shall also pay a one dollar fee that shall
27 be used and is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd
28 population management, including assisting with the cost of
29 processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger program
30 administered by the commission.

31 d. A special hunting license that includes the wildlife
32 habitat fee shall be available for issuance under this
33 subsection to a disabled veteran or disabled member of the
34 armed forces serving on active federal service for the same fee
35 that is charged to a resident hunter to enable such a disabled

1 person to participate in a hunt conducted by an organization
2 approved under this subsection for which only a hunting license
3 is required.

4 *e.* A disabled person who receives a special license under
5 this subsection shall complete the hunter safety and ethics
6 education course.

7 *f.* A license issued under this subsection is valid for use
8 only on a hunt conducted by an organization approved under this
9 subsection.

10 *g.* The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for
11 the administration of this subsection.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill requires the director of the department of
14 natural resources to issue special deer hunting licenses and
15 wild turkey hunting licenses to certain nonresident disabled
16 veterans and disabled persons currently on active federal
17 military service for use on hunts conducted by organizations
18 that conduct hunting experiences in the state for such persons.

19 The director is required to make available 25 of the 75
20 special nonresident deer hunting licenses that are currently
21 allocated by a committee to promote the state and its natural
22 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries, for issuance
23 to nonresident disabled veterans and disabled persons currently
24 on active federal military service. The director is also
25 required to increase the number of special nonresident wild
26 turkey hunting licenses from 25 to 75, and to make 25 of those
27 licenses available for issuance to such persons.

28 The special licenses must be used in connection with a hunt
29 conducted by an approved organization that conducts hunting
30 experiences in the state for disabled veterans and disabled
31 persons currently on active federal military service. The
32 department is to adopt rules specifying what requirements an
33 organization must meet to be approved.

34 The special licenses are available to nonresident veterans
35 and persons currently on active federal military service who

1 are entitled to a service connected rating under federal
2 law with a degree of disability of 30 percent or more. The
3 department of veterans affairs shall assist the department in
4 verifying the status of applicants for the licenses.

5 The special licenses are in addition to the number of
6 nonresident wild turkey and deer hunting licenses that are
7 otherwise authorized by law. A nonresident who obtains one
8 of the special licenses is not eligible to obtain another
9 nonresident wild turkey or deer hunting license under any other
10 provision of law.

11 A nonresident who purchases a special license must also
12 purchase a hunting license that includes the wildlife habitat
13 fee, all for the same fees as a resident hunter. A nonresident
14 who purchases a special deer hunting license must also pay the
15 \$1 fee for the purpose of deer herd population management,
16 including assisting with the cost of processing deer donated to
17 the help us stop hunger program.

18 A special hunting license that includes the wildlife habitat
19 fee is available to such disabled persons for the same fee that
20 is charged to a resident hunter to enable the disabled persons
21 to participate in a hunt conducted by an approved organization
22 for which only a hunting license is required.

23 A disabled person who receives one of the special licenses
24 must complete the hunter safety and ethics education course.